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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-40 and 48-54 remain in this application for further consideration in light of the foregoing remarks. Claims 41-47 have been canceled. New claims 48-54 are added. No new matter has been added.

I. New claims 48-54

As stated above, the claims 48-54 have been added to help expedite the prosecution of the claims. At this point, applicants believe that an example of some aspects of the invention is warranted. This example is meant for explanatory purposes only and not meant to limit the claims in any manner in that applicant believes the claims are allowable as written. Applicant hopes that this example sheds light on certain aspects of the present invention and helps realize the clear distinctions associated with the prior art.

EXAMPLE SCENARIO

A mobile device manufacture manufactures a plurality of cellular telephones each having applications associated therewith. The mobile device manufacture may also configure the plurality of mobile devices with a language resource data store. The language resource data store includes language settings for a plurality of languages where the applications may be used. The cellular telephones are distributed all over the world. In this example, one cellular telephone may be delivered to German and another cellular telephone may be delivered to France. A German user may request a German language setting on the mobile device and the applications are accordingly displayed in a German language. Likewise, a French user may request a French language setting on the mobile device and the applications are accordingly displayed in a French language.

To further the example, the French government may recognize a time-zone that the German government may not recognize. The applications on the French mobile device may not have the French recognized time-zone associated therewith because the manufacture of the mobile device did not know that the cellular telephone would end up in France (and/or it is less economical to

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manufacture many versions of a mobile device each for a different country). Therefore, the French user may request the time-zone element from a geographic resource data store and associate the time-zone element with the application so that the time-zone is recognized on the mobile device. Since the German government does not recognize the time-zone, the German user may not request the time-zone element. In this manner, a mobile device manufacture may manufacture a generically configured telephone for distribution to a plurality of geographical regions speaking a plurality of languages. The mobile devices are easily configurable regardless of the region or language.

New independent claim 48 includes the following combination of elements not taught or otherwise suggested by the cited references:

providing *a language resource data store*, wherein the language resource data store includes *language settings for the user interface elements*;

providing *a geographic resource data store* having *geographically specific user interface elements*;

requesting *a language setting* associated with a language;

providing user interface elements *in the language*;

requesting *a geographic specific user interface element*; and

associating the geographically specific user interface element with the application.

New independent claim 51 includes the following combination of elements not taught or otherwise suggested by the cited reference:

providing an application for generating *geographically neutral user interface elements and geographically dependent user interface elements*;

providing *a language resource data store*, wherein the language resource data store includes *language settings for the neutral user interface elements*;

providing *a geographic resource data store* having the *geographically specific user interface elements*;

requesting *a language setting* associated with a language;

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*providing geographically neutral user interface elements in the language;
requesting a geographic specific user interface element; and*

*associating the geographically specific user interface element with the
application.*

New independent claim 53 includes the following combination of elements not taught or otherwise suggested by the cited references:

a language resource data store having language settings for user interface elements;

a geographic resource data store having geographically specific user interface elements;

an application associated with a display for displaying the user interface elements on a display, wherein the application is configured to:

request a language setting associated with a language;

display the user interface elements in the language;

request a geographically specific user interface element;

display the geographically specific user interface elements.

Applicant asserts the combination of elements set forth above is not taught or otherwise suggested by the cited references. Accordingly, new claims 48-54 should be found allowable.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-4, 8-14, 18-23, 27-34, 38-41, 44, and 47 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Claims 1-4, 8-14, 18-23, 27-34, 38-41, 44, and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No 6,311,180 issued to Forgarty (hereinafter "Forgarty"). The claims have been amended to help clarify several elements of the claims.

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Applicant's independent claim 1 specifically recites the following elements that are not taught or suggested by any of the cited references:

providing *a language resource data store including non-localized language-dependent elements* for viewing an application in a first language;

providing *a geographical resource data store including geographically-dependent elements for association with an application to update the application for a geographic location*;

processing a request from an application to *retrieve geographically-dependent elements*;

providing *requested geographically dependent elements from the geographic resource data store to the application*; and

displaying the *geographically dependent elements* on the mobile electronic device.

Applicant believes that the cited references fail to teach or otherwise suggest the above combination of elements. More specifically, Forgerty fails to teach or otherwise suggest processing associated with a "language resource data store including non-localized language-dependent elements for viewing an application in a first language" in association with "a geographical resource data store including geographically-dependent elements for association with an application to update the application for a geographic location."

In general, Forgarty teaches a system and method for displaying a document on a wide array of display devices. *Forgarty*, at Col. 3, lines 28-31. Forgarty teaches formatting a document (Forgarty gives the example of a web-page) using different classes of information. One of the classes of information includes a user profile. The Office Action cites to various aspects of the user profile in making the rejection. Forgarty teaches:

In the locale specific language prioritization process 622, the languages used for the text portion are compared to the popular languages used in the locale

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where the user lives. The value of the LANGUAGE parameter is incremented by "n," where "n" is the population percentage using the language in the locale. For example, if the user lives in Texas, Spanish will be a popular language other than English. Consequently, the value for the LANGUAGE parameter for text strings in Spanish will be incremented in proportion to the percentage of Spanish speaking residents in Texas. *Forgarty*, at col. 7, line 61- col. 8, line 4.

Here *Forgarty* is pointing out a priority of language. Claim 1, however, specifically recites two data stores. One data store includes "language resource data store including non-localized language-dependent elements for viewing an application in a first language." The other data store includes "a geographical resource data store including geographically-dependent elements for association with an application to update the application for a geographic location." Application asserts that *Forgarty* does not teach or suggest the combination of elements recited in claim 1.

Applicant's independent claim 11 specifically recites the following elements that are not taught or suggested by any of the cited references:

providing a language resource data store including non-localized language-dependent elements for viewing an application in a first language;

providing a geographical resource data store including geographically-dependent elements for association with an application to update the application for a geographic location;

processing a request from an application to retrieve geographically-dependent elements;

providing requested geographically dependent elements from the geographic resource data store to the application; and

displaying the geographically dependent elements on the mobile electronic device.

Applicant's independent claim 21 specifically recites the following elements that are not taught or suggested by any of the cited references:

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a geographic resource data store means for storing geographically dependent elements for a plurality of geographic locations, wherein the geographically dependent elements are stored for association with an application to update the application for a geographic location;

means for processing a request from the application to retrieve geographically-dependent elements from the geographic resource data store means;

means for providing requested geographically-dependent elements from the geographic resource data store means to the application to be displayed.

Applicant's independent claim 31 specifically recites the following elements that are not taught or suggested by any of the cited references:

a language resource data store configured to store language-dependent elements for viewing an application in a first language;

a geographical resource data store configured to store geographically-dependent elements for association with an application to update the application for a geographic location;

an application; and

an operating system coupled to the display, the geographical resource data store, and the application, wherein the operating system is configured to process a request from the application to retrieve geographically-dependent elements from the geographical resource data store, provide requested geographically-dependent elements from the geographical resource data store to the application, and cause the display unit to display the geographically-dependent elements.

Independent claims 11, 21, and 31 include some similar elements as claim 1. Applicant relies on the contentions set forth above in support for claim 1 for claims 11, 21, and 31.

Regarding the dependent claims, applicant asserts that those claims include elements not taught or otherwise suggested by the cited references. Moreover, insofar as those claims depend from independent claims 11, 21, and 31, applicant asserts that the dependent claims are allowable for at least those same reasons asserted for independent claims 11, 21, and 31.

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III. Rejection of claims 5-7, 15-17, 24-26, 35-37, 42-43, and 45-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 5-7, 15-17, 24-26, 35-37, 42-43, and 45-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fogarty in view of U.S. Patent No 5,835, 912 issued to Pet (hereinafter "Pet"). Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection. There is no suggestion in either of the references that they may be combined in the manner propounded. Even if for argument purposes such a combination were possible, the proposed combination would still fail to teach all the elements of the claims. Moreover, the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection depends from the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection set forth above. The 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection has been traversed, and accordingly, applicant believes that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection is obviated.

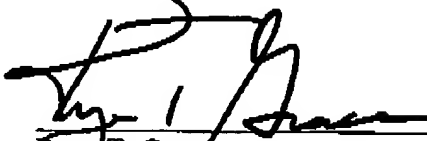
IV. Request for Reconsideration

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

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